



MIAA Volleyball Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order

Attendance: Pam Gould, Marc Arria, Pete Boucher, Terry Riley, Ted Wilcox, Kelsey Kincade, Stephanie Ridolfi, Pat Gonzalez, Carol Burke, Steve Porter/Dacey?, Jodie ?

2. Minutes from February 15th Meeting - Motion to approve (Marc), Second (Pat), all in favor

3. Tournament Format:

Girls - cut off and finals were in but more is needed

- Spring first round can start the day after the brackets announced if both ADs agree
- Prelim Nov. 2nd
- First Round Nov. 4th

Boys - Finals June 13th (not 16th), dates have changed

- Cutoff is 24th
- Bracket Release on the 28th
- Tournament begins on the 30th
- Finals the 13th

Question on balls:

- Does it need to be red white blue or can it be all white??
 - White is fine as long as it is stamped and NFHS certified
 - Balls are provided at the semis

4. Rule Changes: went over last meeting, nothing big or affect teams/programs

5. Tournament Report:

- WSU - boys finals 5/7:15pm
- Working on semis (concord carlisle) - Woburn has a team now, can reach out to see
- release brackets on Tuesday - teams can start Wednesday
- Scores are mostly in so rankings are in good shape
- Teams are needed for sportsmanship nominees - reach out to teams and coaches to have them apply
- Written score is not required in the tournament, a school can use digital

6. Coaches Rep report

Aug 13th 9-4pm at NB Center

- Boys -
 - 2023 All star showcase is Saturday June 17th 10-1 at Sudbury FH (tournament style)
 - Dimple ball is being discussed for boys
 - big difference in the ball, colleges use the dimple
 - Federation requires a stamped ball but there is no dimple ball that is stamped
 - Questions on Power Ranking
 - Power seeding is not going to change for at least a year to collect data to help tweak it, comes from Office of Civil Rights
- Girls

7. Officials Rep Report - questions on possible rule change??

- proposed rule change - change how many sets a player can play against the same opponent
- Both coaches must agree that a player can play more than 5 sets and prior to the match that the V will play before the JV

Sportsmanship

- more cards issued to coaches due to bad sportsmanship
 - officials have tools but need help from MIAA and schools
 - MIAA Taunting policy needs to be promoted more often
 - disqualification for 2 matches

8. Other

- Why can't boys go to 3 Divisions?
 - total 70 and 54 in the 2 Divisions
 - more teams are coming in
 - Is there a number or time when the decision is being made to go to 3 Divisions
- Ted W and Carole B have one more year and will need a new officials rep/rules interpretation in 24-25

Tentative Next Meeting Dates:

- September 28, 2023
- February 14, 2024 (virtual)
- May 9, 2024